



PTO/SB/08A (08-03)
Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Complete if Known

Application Number	10/774,150
Filing Date	February 6, 2004
First Named Inventor	Michael Schwartz
Art Unit	Unknown
Examiner Name	Unknown
Attorney Docket Number	26763-001

Sheet 1 of 3

U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code ² (if known)			
NM/V		US- 3010256	11/28/1961	Ise	
NM/V		US- 3521401	07/21/1970	Tree Supporting Unit	
NM/V		US- 4176494	12/04/1979	Boucher	
NM/V		US- 4268992	05/26/1981	Scharf	
NM/V		US- 4357884	11/09/1982	Rast	
NM/V		US- 4520590	06/04/1985	Schuh	
NM/V		US- 4738050	04/19/1988	Dickinson' Nursery	
NM/V		US- 4745706	05/24/1988	Muza	
NM/V		US- 4750293	06/14/1988	Dyke's Berry Farm	
NM/V		US- 4881342	11/21/1989	Ferguson	
NM/V		US- 4897956	02/06/1990	McGuire	
NM/V		US- 5129179	07/14/1992	Kronmiller	
NM/V		US- 5199677	04/06/1993	Sessions	
NM/V		US- 5568700	10/29/1996	Veneziano et al	
NM/V		US- 5881495	03/16/1999	Roll-Tech Inc	
NM/V		US- 6065243	05/23/2000	Mancini	
NM/V		US- 6073391	06/13/2000	Tort et al	
NM/V		US- 6128851	10/10/2000	Ralston	
NM/V		US- 6216387	04/17/2001	Stoller et al	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages Or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁴
		Country Code ³ Number ⁴ Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				

Examiner Signature	<i>Andrea M. Valente</i>	Date Considered	12/22/04
--------------------	--------------------------	-----------------	----------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.

Best Available Copy

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Complete if Known

Application Number	10/774,150
Filing Date	February 6, 2004
First Named Inventor	Michael Schwartz
Art Unit	Unknown
Examiner Name	Unknown
Attorney Docket Number	26763-001

Sheet 3 of 3

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T ²
AMV		JERSEY SHORE STEEL COMPANY, Rail Steel Orchard Posts, Internet Article (www.jssteel.com) 2 pages	1
AMV		JIM'S SUPPLY, Grapestakes and Post, Internet Article (www.jimssupply.com) 4 pages	1
AMV		PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES, Tree Support Systems, Internet Article (tfpg.cas.psu.edu/part1/part13g.htm) 2004-2005 Tree Fruit Production Guide 2 pages	1

Examiner Signature	Andrew M. Valenti	Date Considered	12/22/04
--------------------	-------------------	-----------------	----------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached. This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.